

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 8, 2007

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 201

"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Roy Leban, Vice Chair Tom Flynn, Eva Moon, John Stilin, Kay Tarapolsi, Kamal Siegel and Jill Krusinski

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Latha Sambamurti

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Churchill, Recreation Program Manager; Meagan Farrell, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Ruth Caspary, Resident

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Tom Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:05 p.m. at Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 201.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of January 23, 2007 were approved with following amendments:

- IX – Remove spaces from blog address.

Motion for approval of the revised RAC minutes of January 23, 2007 carried without objection.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Add Legislate Arts Day under New Business.

Motion for approval of the revised RAC agenda of February 8, 2007 carried without objection.

IV. CHAIR REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Leban

No report.

B. Vice Chair Report - Flynn

No report.

V. AUDIENCE

Redmond Resident, Ruth Caspary, came to observe. She is interested in starting a business supporting arts in Redmond. RAC told her that they are currently accepting applications for new RAC members, if she is interested.

VI. STAFF REPORTS - Churchill

A. Art Award

No applications have been received yet.

B. Funding for 4culture

They are looking at two project teams: site specific event and digital media event. The site specific event project team will meet in about a week. The digital media event project team will meet in about three weeks. ***If RAC would like to serve on either of these project teams, please contact Mary.*** One of the ideas for the digital media event is to find local film makers and create a challenge to make a movie in a weekend. This would be concluded with a showing of the films on Sunday. Another idea was to have a digital film night as part of Arts in the Parks. There is a request in for tourism funding for this event.

C. Library Proposal

This is being researched. ***Yelanjian will email RAC an update next week.***

D. RAC Applicants

RAC openings are being advertised. There has been one applicant so far.

E. Arts Award Applications

A mass mailing was done. ***If RAC would like to make personal recommendations or do any recruiting, please coordinate through Yelanjian.*** In the past RAC has contacted various organizations to promote the contest. ***Churchill will discuss this with Yelanjian and have her contact RAC with a follow up.***

F. Arts Ed Manual

The main goal is to get this manual out. Staff has decided to outsource the production to the Una Org. This will save RAC money and time. If any profit is made off this, a percent will come back to RAC. RAC will also get full credit for funding and creating the manual.

G. City Hall Gallery

The student wall outside the mayor's office and the wall outside the staff café have been utilized. The student wall is decorated with art from local students. The café wall has city staff art on display. Dorie Lysaght is one of the featured artists. Both areas are open to the public, so RAC is encouraged to go see the displays.

H. Marketing

Staff is looking at putting together a yearly brochure to advertise arts and events. They are soliciting tourism funds to pay for this endeavor.

VII. RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Stilin

This committee will be called the Executive Committee in the future. They will meet as needed versus holding regular meetings. ***Churchill will have Yelanjian compose an introduction to be included in the outline that explains how the executive committee functions.***

RAC clarified that non city residents can serve on project teams. Unless approved by staff, all project teams will have a staff member and an RAC member as part of the group.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Stilin

The first meeting of this committee will occur on Monday, February 12. They will discuss the mission statement, goals and objectives, PR plan, budget and action items for the next meeting.

IX. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Moon

This committee re-wrote the goals, strategies and objectives. Infrastructure was broken down into three categories: stakeholders, infrastructure (buildings, facilities) and means for implementation. ***The draft was distributed to RAC. Any feedback should be emailed to Moon.***

Stilin had an idea to start a music program at the Old Redmond School House that supplements the current school program. Yelanjian is looking into this possibility. Churchill will work with Yelanjian to see if this is feasible because space at the community center is limited during peak hours. Staff is excited about all the ideas that RAC has generated, however, they need to further explore ways to implement while being realistic about staff hours, availability of facilities and funding.

INTERMISSION

Flynn read an essay he wrote. Stilin and Siegel will perform a duet at March's meeting.

X. PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE – Moon (reporting for Sambamurti)

A. 2007 Winter Performing Arts Series

This event was a huge success. The attendance at the shows was substantially higher than last year. Thanks again to the staff, RAC, Performing Arts Committee Members, and the generous event sponsor, Mysore Masala – Indian Cuisine. ***Sambamurti suggests that a thank you note should go to the sponsor.***

B. 2007 Arts in the Park

A project team was formed to make recommendations for this series. The theme for this series will be "Journeys" and will be titled "Around the World in 60 Days." Performances will be held Saturday or Sunday nights at Anderson Park and at noon on Wednesdays at Microsoft or the lawn at City Hall. There will also be concerts at Redmond Town Center. Shows will include Indian dance, Brazilian Music, Shakespeare, French Gypsy Music, teen bands, digital/animated films, a violinist, French Café music, and Salsa and Latin Jazz. More details on this series will be presented at later meetings. The "Journey" theme will also be used for ROS.

C. Art for Redmond Jr. High

Redmond Jr. High has identified a spot on their campus for art. Leban has volunteered to be on the project team for this location. ***RAC members are invited to join this project team with Leban.*** This is a great opportunity to partner with the school on art education. This spot will start as a ROS location, but could become a spot for student art in the future. RAC agreed that the piece placed at this location should either be touchable or should have a natural barrier around it so people don't touch it. ***Churchill will discuss this with the curator.*** Churchill pointed out that the curator is educated on the sites, risks and liability.

D. Grants

This committee will decide how grants should be handled. ***Tarapolsi will pass notebooks to Stilin.*** Programming will award the grants. Churchill recommended that this process be tabled and discussed after the restructure process has smoothed out.

E. % for Arts/Grasslawn - Flynn

This committee is discussing bringing in interactive art for families and children. The working budget is \$8,500.

XI. Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair

A. Chair

Motion to elect Tom Flynn the RAC Chair by: Commissioner Moon.

Second by: Commissioner Krusinski

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

B. Vice Chair

Motion to elect John Stilin the RAC Vice Chair by: Commissioner Krusinski.

Second by: Commissioner Flynn

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

C. Terms

Terms will stay at 12 months at this time. Churchill recommended that this be discussed by the Administrative Committee.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Arts Day - Moon

This event will be on Thursday, February 15. Moon and Yelanjian are attending. Yelanjian will bring the legislatures "Paint the Town Redmond" cans.

B. Tour of Redmond Firehouse Teen Center - Moon

Moon and Stilin are attending a teen concert there on 2/9. They will get a tour of the facility. Commissioners agreed that it would be nice to have a RAC meeting there so everyone can see the facility.

C. Concert - Moon

Moon has a concert at Soul Food Books on March 10. ***She will email the details to RAC.***

D. Introduction of Baby Amira - Tarapolsi

Tarapolsi introduced her three week old daughter, Amira Kuhn.

E. Leban's Term - Leban

Leban thanked RAC for their support and for trusting him to lead them. RAC thanked Leban for his service.

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Tarapolsi.

Second by:

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Meagan Farrell.

NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:

March 8, 2007

Old Redmond School House Community Center

7:00 p.m.

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: February 8, 2007

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

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